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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

(Works Branch)

NOTIFICATION U/S 93

The 29th May, 2026

No.WR-IRWR04/1/2024-IW3/288.-

1.0 Whereas, land measuring 376 Kanal, 2 Marla, 8.5 Sarsai situated in various villages of Tehsil & District Pathankot was notified by the Government, of Punjab, Department of Water Resources for acquisition for a public purpose, namely “Construction of Shahpurkandi Channel 2, 3 & 4”, vide Notification No. WR-IRWR04/1/2024-IW3/2530 dated 03.07.2024 issued under Section 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and notification under section 19 of above said act has been issued vide No. WR-IRWR04/1/2024-IW3/3133 dated 12.11.2024. Award No. 06 dated 09.01.2025 has been announced by the Land Acquisition Collector-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pathankot and same was approved by the Government vide letter No.WR-IRWR04/1/2024-IW3/1/1028786/2025 dated 06.02.2025.

2.0 And whereas, Balwinder Singh and others whose 3 Kanal 1 Marla (61 Marla) land situated in Khara No. 15//25/1/1 of village Mutfarka, Tehsil & District Pathankot was acquired, have filed CWP 419 of 2026 in the Hon’ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, which has been disposed off by the Hon’ble Court on dated 14.01.2026 by passing the following orders:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that at this stage, he would be satisfied if the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Sub Divisional Magistrate cum Land Acquisition Collector, Pathankot-respondent No.2 to take a decision on the representation dated 12.06.2025 (Annexure P-4), made on behalf of the petitioners.

2. Learned State counsel, who appears on advance notice, has no objection if the above prayer is accepted.

3. Accordingly, at this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to take a decision on the representation dated 12.06.2025 (Annexure P-4), made on behalf of the petitioners, by passing a speaking order and

after affording opportunity of hearing to all affected parties, preferably within two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. Needless to add that the decision so taken be communicated to the petitioners and if the decision is not to the satisfaction of the petitioners, they would be at liberty to challenge the same, in accordance with law.

5. Till the afore decision is passed, status quo with regard to the possession of the petitioners over the land in question shall be maintained.”

3.0 In compliance of above orders of the Hon’ble High Court, Land Acquisition Collector- cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pathankot (Respondent No. 2) vide No. 172-74 dated 14.05.2025 (copy enclosed) has passed the speaking orders. The last para of the speaking orders states as under:-

“So, keeping in view the above facts and circumstances, the office of Land Acquisition Collector-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pathankot, has no objection if the Competent Authority of the Acquiring Department (UBDC) with the consent of concerned land owners of the acquired land of 61 Marlas and keeping in mind the alignment of the Shahpurkandi Channels No. 2, 3 and 4, takes a decision to denotify/to return back the 19 Marlas acquired land out of the total acquired land of 3 Kanal 1 Marla of Khasra No. 15/25/1/1 of Village Mutfarka, Tehsil & District Pathankot.”

4.0 Land Acquisition Collector- cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pathankot vide the speaking orders has also stated that compensation amount for the said land measuring 3 Kanal 01 Marla was assessed at Rs. 27,64,430/- as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013 and this compensation has not been received till the date by the Petitioners and other co-sharers. Thus, compensation amount of said acquired land measuring 3 Kanal 1 Marla of Khasra No. 15//25/1/1 stands undisbursed till date.

5.0 It has also been stated that as per report of Tehsildar, Pathankot received vide letter No. 241 dated 13.05.2026, Petitioners have already constructed shops over said 19 Marla of acquired land and the possession of the acquired land was not taken by the Acquiring Department.

6.0 In view of above situation and speaking orders passed by Land Acquisition Collector- cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pathankot (Respondent No. 2), the Government is satisfied that out of 3 Kanal 1 Marla (61 Marla) land acquired in Village Mutfarka, the land as specified in the table below, is no longer required for the aforesaid public purpose.

7.0 Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 93 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, the Government of Punjab, Department of Water Resources hereby withdraws the land acquisition process from the land described in the Schedule below:

Schedule of the land to De-notify

District	Tehsil	Village Name (Hadbast No.)	Khasra number	Area (K-M)
Pathankot	Pathankot	Mutfarka (HB 355)	15//25/1/1	19 Marla

8.0 The Department of Water Resources has never taken the possession of above said land from the land owners, but still if any person interested in the above land, who has suffered damage or loss as a consequence of the acquisition proceedings, may submit a written representation/application to the Land Acquisition Collector-cum-SDM, Pathankot within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notification which will be decided by the LAC as per the law and rules.

Sd/-

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